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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/22)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Receipt of applicant's amendment filed on 9/29/2008 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claim 3 states the "second sub-wall" is formed from a thermally insulating material, however this seems to be a typo as stated in the specification and claim 1 only the "first sub-wall" is taught in this invention as being made of a thermally insulation material. The appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over BRETSCHNEIDER (6,149,254) in view of BALTES (4,869,872).

BRETSCHNEIDER teaches:

1. A container (2) comprising walls (4, Fig.1) defining an inside zone (3) suitable for housing at least one piece of equipment (equipments, assemblies, etc.), at least one of said walls (4) being constituted by at least three sub-walls (5, 6, 7) spaced apart from one another in such a manner as to define at least first and second air circulation spaces (8, 9), first (9) and second (8) air circulation spaces being separated without any communication therebetween (by 6) and a sub-wall (6) sealingly separates said first and second circulation spaces so that air inside said container (18) does not contact air outside said container (19) (Fig.1), wherein said first space (9) communicating with the outside of said container via at least two outside openings (33 on both sides), and said second space (8) communicating said inside zone via at least two openings (21 on both sides), a first one of said sub- walls (5) facing the outside of said container, a second one of said sub-walls (7) facing said inside zone, and a third one of said sub-walls (6) being interposed between said first and second sub-wall.

2. The third sub-wall (6, or functional wall) is constituted by a material for enabling heat to be transferred between said first and second spaces (col.1 ll.26-34).

4. A first air circulator device (35) arranged to suck in air from outside said container via at least a first one of said outside openings (33, Fig.1), to cause said outside air to circulate in said first space (9), and then to expel said outside air through at least a second one of said outside openings (36, col.5 ll.2-5).

5. A portion of said air circulator device (35) is installed substantially in said second outside opening (at 36).

6. The first air circulator device (35) comprises at least one fan (col.4 ll.64-65).

7. At least one second air circulator device (20) arranged to suck air in from said inside zone via at least one of said first inside openings (21, Fig.1), to cause said inside air to circulate in said second space (8), and then to expel said inside air through at least a second one of said inside openings (top of 3, Fig.1).

8. A portion at least of said second air circulator device (20) is installed substantially in said second inside opening (top of 3).

9. The second air circulator device (20) comprises at least one fan (col.4 ll.64-65).

10. A control device arranged to control the operation of said first air circulator device (101) and/or of said second air circulator device based on the heat quantity, (col.4 ll.64-67)

11. The control device is arranged to control the operation of said first air circulator device (35) and/or of said second air circulator device (20) in such a manner as to regulate the temperature in said inside zone (col.4 ll.64-67).

12. The direction of air circulation in said first space (9) is substantially opposite to the direction of air circulation in said second space (8) (Fig.1).

13. Each of at least three walls (4) of said container comprise are constituted by said at least three sub-walls (5,6,7) (Fig.1).

14. The three walls (4) communicate with one another in such a manner as to constitute a single-shaped element (Fig.1).

15. One of the three walls (4) is a top wall (along 36, Fig.1).

16. A telephone system including a container (2) housing telephone equipment (capable, col.1 ll.1-10).

BRETSCHNEIDER teaches the claims as discussed above, however BRETSCHNEIDER does not teach the first sub-wall made of thermally insulating material.

BALTES teaches:

1. A first sub-wall (9) is formed from a thermally insulating material (col.4 ll.33-36)
3. The (first or second) sub-wall (9 or 22) is constituted by a thermally insulating material (col.4 ll.31-36).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used the material of BALTES in view of the cabinet of BRETSCHNEIDER in order to prevent the operating personnel from suffering burns (BALTES, col.4 ll.48-50).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samantha A. Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-9967. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve McAllister can be reached on 571-272-6785. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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